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## WHEN LIVING WHO WAS HE?

BODY OF STRANGER PICKED UP IN  
RAILROAD YARDS MONDAY.

Wore an Odd Fellows' Pin, but Nothing  
Was on Him by Which he Might  
Be Identified.

Monday morning at daylight the body of an unknown man was picked up in the yards of the Sonora railroad south of the Nogales, Sonora, depot. Sometime during the night he had been run over by a passing train or by the switch engine, unknown to the crew in charge of the train or engine that struck him. On the body no papers or other identifying articles were found. He was a stranger to the people of Nogales and as such was buried Monday evening in the cemetery on the Mexican side of the line.

All that could be learned of the unknown was that he arrived in Nogales Sunday afternoon, on a freight train. He was around town Sunday evening, drinking, and at night was considerably under the influence of liquor. The only man met by THE OASIS reporter who had held any conversation with him was Mr. Edward Borton. Mr. Borton was accosted by the stranger Sunday evening. The man was somewhat intoxicated at the time and told Mr. Borton he was a stationary engineer, looking for employment. He showed Mr. Borton a letter from a former employer but that gentleman, not taking much interest in the man, paid but little attention to the letter, merely glancing over it to humor the half drunk man. When seen by THE OASIS reporter Mr. Borton could not remember by whom the letter was written, nor at what place it was dated. He remembered only that the name of the man who showed the recommend was McLeod. What the first name was he did not notice.

At the time the man accosted Mr. Burton he had a number of papers in his pocket, from among which he picked the letter which he showed that gentleman.

What happened to the letters and papers in his pocket, is not known. Whether in fumbling in his pockets while drunk he drew them out and dropped them, or whether they were stolen from him by someone who might have thought he had something of value, may never be known.

The general supposition in regard to the death of the man is that he waited below the depot to catch the night train south, and was killed while trying to board one of the coaches in the dark.

The man was about forty years old and light complected, with a light brown mustache. He was about five feet nine inches in height and rather slim.

## PLEASURES OF MARDI GRAS.

Two Grand Balls Furnish Amusement  
for Residents of Both Towns.

Sunday night the Ramirez theater in Nogales, Sonora, was crowded with people from both towns, every box being filled with spectators, who watched with interest the progress of the carnival ball which opened the Mardi festivities. Dancing commenced about nine o'clock and scores of people who went merely to look on, found the quiet life of a spectator not at all in keeping with the occasion. Long before midnight empty seats were numerous in the boxes and by midnight more than half the boxes in the big theater were empty, except for the coats, hats and cloaks that lay upon the otherwise unoccupied chairs. And it was not because the spectators had gone home. The role of a spectator was hard to maintain and gentlemen and ladies in the ordinary American and Mexican costumes mingled with the revelers who wore the garments of other nations and other times. Evening suits of conventional black were changed to various colors, being covered with confetti and serpentine.

On the stage the ladies sold flowers, postal cards, confetti, serpentine and refreshing drinks and served supper and ice cream.

Many beautiful and dazzling costumes were worn by the ladies and some of the young men were not far behind their fair partners. There were many costumes worn Sunday night, to which THE OASIS would be pleased to give special mention, but the ordinary news reporter finds the task beyond his capacity and the accomplished society editor of THE OASIS is out of town this week.

Monday the people rested up after the long night of pleasure (the revelry having continued till five o'clock Monday morning). Tuesday afternoon the stores on both sides of the line closed and at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon the second carnival ball was opened at the Ramirez. It was the intention of those in charge to close the theater at 11:30, but the pleasure of the occasion was just at its zenith at that time and the younger people could not be prevailed upon to "stop suddenly." The ladies in charge, however, closed the booths at midnight, in observance of the lenten season which then commenced, but the younger people had captured the musicians and refused to let them go. The dance continued till 2:30 Wednesday morning.

## Tuesday Wedding.

Tuesday evening in the parlor of the Montezuma hotel Mr. C. E. Smith of Portland, Oregon and Miss Mable Page of Topolobampo, Sinaloa, Mexico, were united in marriage by Probate Judge W. A. O'Connor. The groom arrived in Nogales Sunday night, from the north and Tuesday morning the bride, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Flora Helliot of Topolobampo, arrived from the south. Wednesday morning the young couple left for El Paso.

## VOTERS NAME THE DELEGATES

AT PRIMARY ELECTION HELD AT ARMORY HALL THURSDAY.

Men Chosen to Frame Tickets to Be  
Submitted to Electors  
April Second.

Voting was rather slow at the primary election held Thursday for the purpose of electing delegates to the party conventions to be held on the twelfth of this month. The clerks and judges were early at their post and spent a couple of hours talking about elections of other times before the citizens in general appeared to remember that there were a couple of primaries in progress.

However, the voters began to straggle in before noon and continued to drop in singly and in pairs throughout the remainder of the day, till a goodly number had signified their choice of delegates. The result of the voting was the selection of the following men to represent the two parties at the convention to be held on the twelfth.

Republicans:—A. L. Peck, J. T. Brickwood, Con O'Keefe, L. Ephraim, Bracey Curtis, H. W. Kelsey, H. R. Renshaw.

Democrats:—Theodore Gebler, A. A. Doherty, Louis Lulley, W. A. O'Connor, Henry Cohen, E. W. Amsden, Antone Proto.

These delegates will meet on the twelfth and place in nomination the candidates of the two parties for the council, for marshal, for clerk and for street supervisor.

As stated in THE OASIS two weeks ago, the citizens generally are in favor of naming a ticket of representative business men, irrespective of political affiliations, who can be endorsed by the delegates to each convention, thereby insuring the election of capable officials without the expense and bustle of a petty local campaign.

## Captain Mills in Nogales.

Captain Jack Mills, who created something of a sensation at Arkansas, Hot Springs, some years ago by "killing" three hundred clay pigeons without a miss, was in Nogales last week. He is an old time printer and put his knowledge of the art to good use helping THE OASIS printers through a rush. Wednesday morning he left for El Paso, Texas. Captain Jack is also familiar with the workings of a Colts six shooter. When not engaged in newspaper work he could take six \$5 gold pieces in one hand, and a six shooter in the other and tossing the coins into the air rapidly, one after another, he could shoot them all out of sight with the revolver. When engaged in the newspaper business he uses nickels in that branch of his practice and only practices about once a month.

## NORTHWEST MEXICAN CONFERENCE.

Annual Meeting of Missionaries Held  
at El Paso, Texas.

Monday the ministers of the Northwest Mexican Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church South ended the annual conference at El Paso, Texas. The conference opened Feb. 22 and was presided over by Bishop W. A. Candler of Atlanta, Georgia.

This conference embraces all the Mexican work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the States of Chihuahua, Durango, Sinaloa, Sonora, and Lower California, as well as Arizona, New Mexico and northwest Texas.

Bishop Candler, whom many heard here a year ago, opened the first session on Thursday morning, Feb. 22, conducting most of the religious exercises and transacting all the business himself in Spanish. The Rev. S. Ward, D. D., missionary secretary and Rev. J. B. Cox, B. Sc, editor of "El Evangelista," Mexico City, were present, as well as all the missionaries and Mexican ministers with one exception.

The reports of the work were good, and the conference sessions inspiring. The preaching was of a high order; the sermon by the bishop based on the text, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain," was a masterly discourse and was listened to devoutly by seven or eight hundred persons.

Rev. R. Maldonado was received into the conference on trial and F. S. Montelongo successfully passed his third and fourth years' studies and was ordained elder by the bishop last Sunday morning.

Rev. L. Reynolds, principal of "El Colegio Wesleyana," San Luis Potosi, Mexico, reported well on the young men whom he is preparing for the ministry. Mr. Reynolds and Professor Esquivel were elected delegates to the general conference of the church to be held in Birmingham, Ala., in May.

Rev. L. A. Humphreys was received from the Texas conference; Rev. H. C. Hernandez was re-admitted; Rev. J. Castro was transferred to the border, and Rev. M. Narro to the central conference.

The following are the appointments made by Bishop Candler for the Sonora District:

Presiding elder, R. C. Elliott; Nogales, (American) L. A. Humphreys; Nogales, (Mexican) E. Narro, formerly of Guaymas, supply; Phoenix, E. Quiñones; Cananea, M. Villareal, formerly of Nogales; Guaymas, F. S. Montelongo; La Paz, L. Cal., D. Campa; Culiacan, J. Flores; Mazatlan, R. Maldonado.

The next conference will be held in Chihuahua.

Six of the ministers who attended the conference returned to Nogales Wednesday.

## Telephone Line Completed.

The new telephone line from Patagonia to Salero was completed Tuesday evening, and the work on the line from Patagonia to Mowry Camp has been commenced.